Auditor to that of a Superintendent by practically abolishing the former. These proposals, involving, as they do, an increase in expenditure of Rs. 2,310 in the coming year, may perhaps require a word of explanation. Ever since 1101 the Comptroller of Accounts has been repeatedly bringing to the notice of the Government that for want of adequate number of hands the work in his office was becoming inefficient due to hasty, delayed audit and still more hasty supervision, where accuracy, promptitude and system are most essential. To quote his own words in a communication which he addressed to the Government lately:—'As matters now stand, I regret that I have to confess that with all my endeavours the condition of my office is anything but satisfactory. Many of the sections are in heavy arrears; the accounts are ready only very late; review work is being got on very unsatisfactorily. I am getting quite apprehensive of such a state of affairs leading, as it may one day, tosuch unfortunate incidents as the non-detection of serious irregularities, misappropriations, defalcations, &c,'. Such a state of affairs in any office required immediate remedy; the more so in the Account Office, which has always to be maintained at a high level of efficiency. The Special Finance Committee which examined the working of the office has remarked that the additional hands proposed are 'by no means excessive'. In these circumstances it is proposed to strengthen the establishment from 1st Chingam 1104 on the lines already ind cated.

Law and Justice.—Provision is made for the continuance of the Additional District Judge at Trichur and his staff for the whole year. There are no other items calling for any explanation.

Education.—I have nothing to explain this year under the head. The budget estimate is prepared more or less on the lines of the revised estimate of the current year and is fixed at Rs. 13,09,300,thus showing a decrease of Rs. 1,800 as compared with the latter. The decrease is only apparent and not real, since the expenditure incurred under this head for the special benefit of the depressed classes has been transferred to a new head of expenditure 'Uplift of the Depressed Classes'. Had it not been for this transfer, the budget estimate under 'Education' would have exceeded the revised estimate by nearly Rs. 40,000. Especially under 'Primary Education' larger provisions have been made under 'Grants-in-aid' to meet the growing demands of the situation.

Medical.—The main features of the Medical budget are the provision made for clearing off the old arrears finally, the additional staff ofnurses and servants proposed to be entertained next

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